

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to acknowledge, with thanks, the Office Action mailed on April 6, 2006. This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 6, 2006. The Examiner acknowledged that claims 5, 11, 21 and 23 were directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 37 is the equivalent of claim 5 in independent form containing all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 38-40 are directly dependent from claim 37, and therefore contain each and every element of claim 37 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 37.

Claim 41 is the equivalent of claim 11 in independent form containing all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 42-49 are directly dependent from claim 41, and therefore contain each and every element of claim 41 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 41.

Claim 50 is the equivalent of claim 21 in independent form containing all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 51- 53 are directly dependent from claim 50, and therefore contain each and every element of claim 50 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 50.

Claim 54 is the equivalent of claim 23 in independent form containing all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 55- 58 are directly dependent from claim 54, and therefore contain each and every element of claim 54 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 54.

Claim 59 is an apparatus configured to perform the methodology of claim 21, which the Examiner indicated claim 21 as allowable. Therefore, claim 59 should be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as claim 21. Claim 60 – 62 are directly dependent from claim 59 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 59.

Claim 63 is an apparatus configured for implementing the methodology of claim 21, the Examiner indicated claim 21 as allowable. Claim 63 should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21. Claims 64 – 66 are directly dependent from claim 63, thus containing each and every element of claim 63, and for the same reasons as claim 63 should also be in condition for allowance.

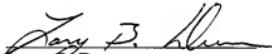
Claim 67 is an apparatus configured for implementing the methodology of claim 23, the Examiner indicated claim 23 as allowable. Claim 67 should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 23. Claims 68 – 69 are directly dependent from claim 67, thus containing each and every element of claim 67, and for the same reasons as claim 67 should also be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons just set forth, the claims now pending in the present application should now be in condition for allowance and thus a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any other matters to be resolved. If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 72255/00011.

Respectfully submitted,
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